

Richard Trumka, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2021.

Willie L. Phillips, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S8316**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—470) **Pages S8222, S8223, S8224, S8233**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Max Cleland, in accordance with S. Res. 451, at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8317.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ENERGY PRICE TRENDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the causes, outlook, and implications of domestic and international energy price trends, after receiving testimony from Stephen Nalley, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Tim Gould, Chief Energy Economist, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; and Robert Bryce, *A Question of Power: Electricity and the Wealth of Nations*, Austin, Texas.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Maria Louise Lago, of New York, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, both of the Department of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DHS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 5982–5990; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 794, were introduced. **Page H6317**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6318–19**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cardenas to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6269**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6275**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*VA Electronic Health Record Transparency Act of 2021:* H.R. 4591, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program; **Pages H6278–79**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress periodic reports on the costs, performance metrics, and outcomes of the Department of Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record Modernization program; **Page H6279**

**VITAL Assessment Act:** H.R. 5516, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6279–80**

**Burn Pit Registry Enhancement Act:** H.R. 2433, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take actions necessary to ensure that certain individuals may update the burn pit registry with a registered individual’s cause of death; **Pages H6280–81**

**VA Assessment by Independent Measures Act:** H.R. 4626, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an independent assessment of health care delivery systems and management processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs be conducted once every 10 years; **Pages H6281–83**

**Protections for Student Veterans Act:** H.R. 5603, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish protections for a member of the Armed Forces who leaves a course of education, paid for with certain educational assistance, to perform certain service; **Pages H6283–86**

**Protecting Moms Who Served Act of 2021:** S. 796, to codify maternity care coordination programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 414 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 374; **Pages H6286–88, H6297–98**

**Student Veterans Counseling Centers Eligibility Act:** H.R. 4233, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to veterans and members of the Armed Forces using certain educational assistance benefits, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 375; **Pages H6288–89, H6298**

**Bringing Registered Apprenticeships to Veterans Education Act:** H.R. 147, amended, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to transitional services for separating members of the Armed Forces and educational assistance under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeand-nay vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 376; **Pages H6289–91, H6295–99**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 10, United States Code, to make certain improvements to services and benefits for veterans and separating members of the Armed Forces with

respect to apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes.”; **Page H6291**

**Homeland Procurement Reform Act:** H.R. 2915, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 regarding the procurement of certain items related to national security interests for Department of Homeland Security frontline operational components; and **Pages H6292–94**

**DHS Acquisition Review Board Act of 2021:** H.R. 5652, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Acquisition Review Board in the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages H6294–96**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 p.m. **Page H6297**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Amending title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States:** H.R. 3730, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States; and **Pages H6291–92**

**TSA Reaching Across Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Traveler Education Act:** H.R. 5574, amended, to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports. **Pages H6296–97**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Nicaragua that was declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018 is to continue in effect beyond November 27, 2021—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 117–75). **Page H6301**

**Senate Referral:** S. 2923 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H6316**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6297–98, H6298, and H6299.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### A LOOK AT THE RENEWABLE ECONOMY IN RURAL AMERICA

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing entitled “A Look at the Renewable Economy in Rural America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SECURING AMERICA’S FUTURE: SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS FOR A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Securing America’s Future: Supply Chain Solutions for a Clean Energy Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2311, the “Credit Union Governance Modernization Act of 2021”; H.R. 2620, the “Investor Choice Act of 2021”; H.R. 5910, the “Holding SPACs Accountable Act of 2021”; H.R. 5911, the “Fair Hiring in Banking Act”; H.R. 5913, the “Protecting Investors from Excessive SPACs Fees Act of 2021”; and H.R. 5914, the “Empowering States to Protect Seniors from Bad Actors”. H.R. 2311, H.R. 2620, H.R. 5910, H.R. 5911, H.R. 5913, and H.R. 5914 were ordered reported, as amended.

### NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE ARCTIC

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled “National Security Implications of Climate Change in the Arctic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S POLICY PRIORITIES FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy held a hearing entitled “The Biden Administration’s Policy Priorities for Latin America and the Caribbean”. Testimony was heard from Brian Nichols, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

### ON THE FRONTLINES IN TURBULENT TIMES: WORKFORCE PERSPECTIVES ON THE STATE OF TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “On the Frontlines in Turbulent Times: Workforce Perspectives on the State of Transportation Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SILENCED: HOW FORCED ARBITRATION KEEPS VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE SHADOWS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Silenced: How Forced Arbitration Keeps Victims of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment in the Shadows”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PLUGGING IN PUBLIC LANDS: TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Plugging in Public Lands: Transmission Infrastructure for Renewable Energy”. Testimony was heard from Janea Scott, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 59, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; H.R. 4690, the “Sustaining America’s Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021”; and H.R. 5770, the “Forage Fish Conservation Act of 2021”. Testimony was heard from Representative Dingell; Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### CRACKING DOWN ON RANSOMWARE: STRATEGIES FOR DISRUPTING CRIMINAL HACKERS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE AGAINST CYBER THREATS

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Cracking Down on Ransomware: Strategies for Disrupting Criminal Hackers and Building Resilience Against Cyber Threats”. Testimony was heard from Chris Inglis, National Cyber Director, Executive Office of the